

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
Lemon Grove Community Center
3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove, CA 91945
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 at 6 PM**

*The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority,
Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board,
and Lemon Grove Successor Agency.*

Call To Order:

Mayor Vasquez called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Present:

Mayor Racquel Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Jones, Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza, Councilmember Liana LeBaron, and Councilmember George Gastil.

Absent: None.

Staff Members Present:

Lydia Romero, City Manager, Kristen Steinke, City Attorney, Steve Swaney, Fire Chief, Patrick McEvoy, San Diego Sheriff's Lieutenant, and Audrey Malone, City Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Presentation:

City Council recognized Robert "Bob" Bailey and Stephen Browne (not present) for serving on the Lemon Grove Planning Commission.

Mayor Vasquez recessed the meeting for a mid presentation break at 6:07 pm.

Mayor Vasquez reconvened the meeting at 6:12 pm and continued presentations.

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Update was provided by Sharon Cooney, Chief Executive Officer.

Building Electrification in Lemon Grove was provided by Karl Aldinger, Sierra Club San Diego.

Public Comment:

Email Submitted:

- None

In-Person:

- John L. Wood
- Teresa Rosiak-Proffit
- Penny Martinez
- Sheri Hughes
- Shawn Farson
- Rachel Peters
- Gerry Ramsey

Consent Calendar:

- 1.A Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda
- 1.B City of Lemon Grove Payment Demands from June 21, 2022
- 1.C City of Lemon Grove Payment Demands from July 19, 2022
- 1.D League of California Cities Voting Delegate and Alternate
- 1.E Contract Extension with Southwest Traffic Signal Service, Inc.
- 1.F Professional Services Agreement with D-Max for Stormwater Program, Construction and Development
- 1.G Acceptance of FY 21 State Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Areas Security Initiative Funds (UASI)
- 1.H Gubernatorial Election Tuesday, November 8, 2022
- 1.I Local Agency Investment Fund Authorization
- 1.J Acceptance of Gary Sinise Foundation First Responders Outreach Grant Award

Public Comment:

In-Person:

- John L. Wood (item 1.E)

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, second by Councilmember Gastil to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Mendoza, Gastil.

Noes: LeBaron.

Public Hearing:

2. Public Hearing to Consider an Appeal of the Planning Commission's Decision to Deny Planned Development Permit No. PDP-210-0001; A Request to Construct a 2,688 Square Foot Construction Warehouse at an Existing Vacant Lot Located at 3450 West Street in the General Commercial – Heavy Commercial (GC-HC) Zone

City Attorney Steinke recused herself from the public hearing and Deputy City Attorney Gena Burns took her place.

Takuma Easland, Assistant Planner presented the staff report.

Public Hearing open at 7:41 pm.

City Council provided questions/comments for staff and designer of project Dan Duty.

Project Designer, Dan Duty addresses City Council.

Mayor Vasquez recessed the City Council meeting at 7:44 pm.

Mayor Vasquez reconvened the meeting at 7:53pm.

Public Comment:

In-Person:

- John L. Wood

City Council provided questions/comments for staff and designer.

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember LeBaron to close the **Public Hearing at 8:33 pm.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Mendoza, Gastil, LeBaron

Noes: None

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and seconded by Councilmember LeBaron to Adopt a Resolution granting an appeal of the Planning Commission decision to deny Planning Development Permit PDP-220 to authorize the construction a 2,688 Square Foot Construction Warehouse at an Existing Vacant Lot Located at 3450 West Street in the General Commercial – Heavy Commercial (GC-HC) Zone and conditionally approving PDP-2010-0001.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, Mendoza, Gastil, LeBaron

Noes: None

Mayor Vasquez recessed the City Council meeting for a break at 8:35 pm.

Mayor Vasquez reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:40 pm.

City Attorney Steinke returned to the meeting.

At 8:40 pm, City Manager Lydia Romero conferred with the City Council to confirm continuing with the remainder of the agenda. City Council agree continue the meeting.

Report(s) to Council:

3. Recreation Center on Open Saturdays - Pilot Program

Report presented by Lydia Romero, City Manager.

Public Comment:

Email Submitted: None.

In-Person:

- Gerry Ramsey
- Jessyka Heredia
- Jason Sundberg
- Chris Williams

Council provided questions for staff, followed by feedback and direction.

City Council Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City

Councilmember LeBaron

- Meeting with residents on lack of response to service requests
- Meeting with residents on how to get support from City Council to work with Improving Lemon Grove to service bathrooms at Promenade Park.
- Attend meeting with residents how to get response from upper level city staff

Councilmember Gastil

- Attended Lemon Grove Citrus Festival
- 20th Anniversary of Lee House relocation
- MTS Communication with Community

Councilmember Mendoza

- Lemon Grove Concerts in the Park
- Metro Waste Water JPA Meeting
- SANDAG Board Meeting
- Heartland Fire Authority Training Meeting
- Joint Meeting, SANDAG Planning and Transportation Committee Meeting
- Lemon Grove Food Distribution

Mayor Pro Tem Jones

- Metro Waste Water JPA Meeting
- 20th Anniversary of Lee House relocation
- San Diego Oversight Committee Meeting

Mayor Vasquez

- SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting
- SANDAG Equity Plan Meeting
- Lemon Grove Concerts in the Park
- San Diego County Fair
- Lemon Grove Food Distribution
- African American Caucus Board Meeting

City Manager Report

- National Night Out, August 2, 2022
- Planning Commission 1st meeting/workshop on the Brown Act, Public Records Act and other refreshers with new commissioners, July 25, 2022 at 6pm, City Council is also invited to join
- August 16, 2022 – Joint City Council -School Board Meeting

Adjournment

Mayor Vasquez adjourned the Regular City Council at 10:31 pm. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on August 2, 2022.

Audrey Malone, City Clerk